

Program C: Client Payments

Program Authorization: Social Security Act as amended by P.L. 100-485; R.S. 46:237.1-236.2

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Client Payments Program is to pay financial benefits directly to, or on behalf of, those individuals and families who make application and are found eligible under the requirements of the appropriate program. These payments serve to accomplish the office's primary mission of assisting vulnerable people in meeting their basic human needs of economic support and promoting self-sufficiency and independence.

The goals of the Client Payments Program are:

1. To increase the ability of low-income individuals and families who are unable to provide for themselves or their families through employment or their own resources, to obtain the basic necessities of life by providing temporary money grants to or on behalf of those who are eligible for assistance.
2. To reduce and avoid dependency on public assistance through the payment to custodial parents of child support collected from non-custodial parents, and to pay child support incentive payments to entities responsible for collections.
3. To supply funds directly to public assistance recipients, or through purchase of service contracts, for education and training services to enable them to achieve or move toward self-sufficiency.
4. To finance the provision of child care during education and training of Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients, or to former FITAP recipients, during periods of transition to independence.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Unless otherwise indicated, all objectives are to be accomplished during or by the end of FY 2001-2002. Performance indicators are made up of two parts: name and value. The indicator name describes what is being measured. The indicator value is the numeric value or level achieved within a given measurement period. For budgeting purposes, performance indicator values are shown for the prior fiscal year, the current fiscal year, and alternative funding scenarios (continuation budget level and Executive Budget recommendation level) for the ensuing fiscal year (the fiscal year of the budget document).

1. (KEY) To provide for the issuance of monetary assistance and benefits to clients in the FITAP, FIND Work, Support Enforcement, and Child Care Programs.

Strategic Link: This objective is instrumental in the accomplishment of Strategic Objective II.1.5: *To provide child support diverse operations of agency programs through June 30, 2002*; and Strategic Objective II.1.6: *To provide child care assistance to or on behalf of families in an effort to increase and encourage their self-sufficiency in compliance with laws and regulations through June 30, 2002.*

Louisiana: Vision 2020 Link: Not applicable

Children's Cabinet Link: Not applicable

Other Link(s): Not applicable

Explanatory Note: The Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) provides cash assistance to families with children when the financial resources of the family are insufficient to meet subsistence needs. The Family Independence Work Program (FIND Work) assists FITAP recipients with educational, training and work-related activities designed to lead to employment and self-sufficiency. Child Support Enforcement Program provides child support services, including establishment of paternity; establishment and enforcement of child, medical, and spousal support orders; location of absent parents; and collection and distribution of court ordered and voluntary obligations to FITAP and Non-FITAP recipients. The Child Care Assistance Program provides financial assistance for child care for low-income families. Payments are made directly to child care providers based upon family size and income.

L E V E L		PERFORMANCE INDICATOR VALUES					
		YEAREND	ACTUAL	ACT 11	EXISTING	AT	AT
		PERFORMANCE	YEAREND	PERFORMANCE	PERFORMANCE	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED
		STANDARD	PERFORMANCE	STANDARD	STANDARD	BUDGET LEVEL	BUDGET LEVEL
	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR NAME	FY 1999-2000	FY 1999-2000	FY 2000-2001	FY 2000-2001	FY 2001-2002	FY 2001-2002
	FITAP Assistance:						
K	Average number of monthly cases in FITAP	47,000	30,216 ¹	30,000	34,000	25,379	25,379
K	Total annual payments (in millions)	\$88.8	\$56.7	\$87.1	\$87.1	\$74.5	\$74.5
K	Average monthly payment ²	\$165.0	\$156.0	\$206.0	\$165.0	\$207.0	\$207.0
S	Average number of refugee cases	Not applicable ³	23	40	40	37	37
S	Total annual refugee cash assistance	Not applicable ³	\$24,989.0	\$52,000.0	\$52,000.0	\$62,604.0	\$62,604.0
	FIND Work:						
K	Average number of FIND Work participants (monthly)	15,651	7,279	13,824	13,824	7,500	7,500 ⁴
K	Total annual payments (in millions)	\$44.0	\$16.2	\$34.2	\$34.2	\$23.0	\$23.0
S	Payments for education & training	\$30.4	\$8.2	\$23.6	\$23.6	\$12.2	\$12.2

S	Payments for transportation	\$13.6	\$8.0	\$10.6	\$10.6	\$10.8	\$10.8
	Support Enforcement:						
K	Average number of cases	159,148	159,919	168,308	168,308	167,915	167,915
K	Parent pass through funds (in millions)	\$211.8	\$211.5	\$241.4	\$241.4	\$232.7	\$232.7
S	Total number of collection cases (Non-IVD)	Not applicable ³	853	772	772	233	233
S	Non-IVD parent refunds	Not applicable ³	\$2.6	\$2.5	\$2.5	\$2.8	\$2.8
	Child Care Assistance:						
K	Total annual payments (in millions)	Not applicable ³	\$131.4	\$140.9	\$123.6	\$161.4	\$161.4

¹ The FY 1999-2000 yearend actual was incorrectly reported as 3,216 in LaPAS.

² In prior fiscal years, this performance indicator name appeared as "Average monthly FITAP grant." The indicator name has been modified for clarity.

³ This performance indicator did not appear under Act 10 of 1999 and therefore has no performance standard for FY 1999-2000.

⁴ Although the performance standard for this indicator is 13,824, the department indicates in its FY 2000-2001 First Quarter Performance Progress Report that the actual figure will be 7,000.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 1999- 2000	ACT 11 2000 - 2001	EXISTING 2000 - 2001	CONTINUATION 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED 2001 - 2002	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$28,064,790	\$31,279,196	\$31,279,196	\$31,279,196	\$26,037,968	(\$5,241,228)
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	168,569	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	1,489,137	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	159,572,437	243,099,174	246,634,174	226,839,699	231,977,969	(14,656,205)
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<u><u>\$189,294,933</u></u>	<u><u>\$275,867,507</u></u>	<u><u>\$279,402,507</u></u>	<u><u>\$259,608,032</u></u>	<u><u>\$259,505,074</u></u>	<u><u>(\$19,897,433)</u></u>
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Related Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Expenses	319	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Charges	189,294,614	275,867,507	279,402,507	259,608,032	259,505,074	(19,897,433)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	<u><u>\$189,294,933</u></u>	<u><u>\$275,867,507</u></u>	<u><u>\$279,402,507</u></u>	<u><u>\$259,608,032</u></u>	<u><u>\$259,505,074</u></u>	<u><u>(\$19,897,433)</u></u>
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclassified	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. Federal Funds are obtained from: The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant for temporary monthly cash payments; the Social Security Act, Section 1113 and P.L. 86-571 for payments to U. S. citizens returning from a foreign country due to mental illness or destitution; Refugee Resettlement Act of 1980 (P.L. 212) for payments to needy refugees, and the Child Care and Development Block Grant, for child care assistance payments. The Statutory Dedication is the Louisiana Fund (Tobacco Settlement) to match federal child care funds for transfer to the Department of Education for the Starting Points Program.

ANALYSIS OF RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$31,279,196	\$275,867,507	0	ACT 11 FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$3,535,000	0	Transferred Federal Funds to the Client Payments Program to correct an amendment adding Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for the teen pregnancy prevention function in the Client Services Program
\$31,279,196	\$279,402,507	0	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET – December 15, 2000
\$0	(\$12,595,662)	0	Workload Adjustments - Reduce funding for Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) payments to reflect the continuing decline in the welfare rolls from 34,000 to approximately 30,000 in FY 02
\$0	(\$7,198,813)	0	Workload Adjustments - Reduce the FIND WORK component and transportation services to more accurately reflect the anticipated caseload
(\$5,189,749)	\$0	0	Means of financing substitution replacing State General Fund with Federal Funds - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Block Grant (TANF) in Child Care Assistance Block Grant. This will reduce State General Fund matching funds and in effect forfeit the receipt of \$12,420,529 in Federal Funds from the Child Care Block Grant.
(\$51,479)	(\$102,958)	0	Other Adjustments - Reduce other charges for monthly cash assistance payments to eligible welfare recipients
\$26,037,968	\$259,505,074	0	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$26,037,968	\$259,505,074	0	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$26,037,968	\$259,505,074	0	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

The total means of financing for this program is recommended at 92.9% of the existing operating budget. It represents 94.9% of the total request (\$273,351,184) for this program. Major changes include the following: \$12,595,662 to reflect the continuing decline in the welfare rolls, and \$7,198,813 to reflect the decline in the Find Work component and transportation services.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$0 This program does not have funding for professional services

\$0 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

123,607,488	Subsidized child day care payments for Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients, and for other low income parents
74,417,042	Monthly cash assistance payments for eligible FITAP recipients
23,000,000	Payments for job training, transportation and other welfare to work supportive services to FITAP recipients
5,488,810	Payments for teen pregnancy prevention services
593,854	Cash assistance payments for eligible refugees
100,000	Provision to reimburse custodial parents for child support payments for lost checks, until the check is located, or reissued
10,000	Payments to indigent U.S. citizens repatriated from foreign countries due to poverty or other circumstances
\$24,000,000	Payments to provide low income families with quality full day/full year child care services

\$251,217,194 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

5,019,000	Payments to the Dept. of Education for the Starting Points preschool program
1,800,000	Payments to the Office of Community Services for day care services for foster children
1,123,628	Payments to various Vocational and Technical schools for job training services for FITAP recipients
210,054	Payments to the Dept. of Health and Hospitals for medical services for refugees
78,008	Payments to the Office of Women's Services for job training services for FITAP recipients
46,190	Payments to the Office of Public Health for teen pregnancy prevention services
11,000	Payments to the Office of Community Services for social services to refugees

\$8,287,880 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$259,505,074 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$0 This program does not have funding for acquisitions and major repairs

\$0 TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS